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BASIC TRAINING CLASS 364 RAISES MONEY FOR MISSISSIPPI RELIEF EFFORT

***Local citizens encouraged to participate in gathering support for Biloxi
Police Department officers and their families***

RICHMOND, Ky. –In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the whole nation is keeping a close eye on the situation in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. However, Basic Training Class No. 364 at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training is turning its concern into action.

These newest members of Kentucky's law enforcement community have come together to raise funds for the rescue and disaster relief efforts of the Biloxi (Miss.) Police Department. Each DOCJT Basic Training class participates in a community service project as part of the requirements for graduation from the academy. Class 364 chose to focus its community project on supporting the need for supplies and funds for fellow officers in Biloxi, Miss. and their families, following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

"We are very pleased with the level of character and compassion shown by the members of Class 364 by taking on such an initiative," said Horace Johnson, director of DOCJT's Training Operations Division. "Law enforcement is all about serving community and this class has gone above and beyond the call of duty by extending their service to the needs of families and local law enforcement in Biloxi."

Class 364 is currently collecting donations to send to the Biloxi Police Department and encourages local citizens here in Kentucky to participate.

"These guys need our help," said Scott Conrad of the Georgetown Police Department and class leader for Basic Class 364. "We want to be able to help out our fellow officers in a way that will impact them. It is part of our duty. Who else do they have to look to in their time of need?"

Anyone interested in donating on behalf of DOCJT Basic Training Class 364 should contact Fran Root, director of DOCJT's Basic Training Branch at (859) 622-8075 or send donations to:

**The Biloxi Police Family Relief Fund
Department of Criminal Justice Training
Attn: Fran Root
Funderburk Building
521 Lancaster Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475**

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The members of Basic Training Class No. 364 and their agencies are:

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